### **Activity 1: Thrift or Treat! Is Thrifting Always a Smart Buy?**

**Time:** 25–30 minutes  
**Objective:** Evaluate whether thrifting is always a financially and personally smart choice.

**Hook (5 min):**Show three clothing items (or images):

1. Thrifted ($20)
2. Fast fashion ($25)
3. Luxury brand ($120)

Ask:

* "Which would you buy and why?"
* "What makes something *feel* like a good deal?"

**Activity:**

1. In small groups, students make a **Value Scorecard** (cost, durability, brand status, sustainability, resale potential).
2. Rate each item 1–5 per category.
3. Discuss:
   * Which item gives the most value per dollar?
   * How much do non-financial factors (style, brand) matter to you?
   * Would your answer change if you just got a bonus at your job?
4. Share choices and reasoning.

**Wrap Question:**

Is thrifting automatically the smarter choice, or does it depend on *why* you’re doing it?

**Student Scorecard:** Rate each on a scale of 1-5.

| **Item** | **Affordability** | **Durability/Quality** | **Brand/**  **Status Appeal** | **Sustainability** | **Resale Value** |
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| Thrifted |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fast Fashion |  |  |  |  |  |
| Luxury |  |  |  |  |  |

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